

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN E-BUSINESS AUDIT TRAIL IN  
A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING SYSTEM

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application takes priority from (i) U.S. Provisional Patent Application

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incorporated by reference in its entirety. This application is also related to (ii) U.S.

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which are also incorporated herein by reference in their entireties for all purposes.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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**1. Field of Invention**

The invention relates generally to computer systems. More particularly, methods and apparatus for providing a reliable transaction audit trail in an enterprise computer system.